

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 10-14 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended, and dependent claims 12-14 are added, to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, Fig. 4 and paragraph [0062]. Claims 2, 5 and 9 are canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0099054 to Kamijima ("Kamijima") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,135 to Rancour et al. ("Rancour"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action recognizes that Kamijima does not disclose or suggest a second pole that is conductible by way of a second surface different from the first surface, but asserts that Rancour supplies such a feature. However, Rancour does not disclose or suggest a second pole that is conductible by way of a second surface of a head slider that is substantially parallel to and bonded to a surface of an arm member, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 4 and 8.

Rancour discloses a device having a gimbal 124 and a leading edge 148. See Fig. 4; and col. 3, lines 44-57. The Office Action asserts that Rancour's leading edge 148 corresponds to the second surface recited in the claims.

However, Rancour's leading edge 148 is not parallel to and bonded to the surface of gimbal 124. Thus, Rancour does not disclose or suggest a second surface of a head slider being substantially parallel to and bonded to the surface of an arm member, as recited in the amended claims.

For at least the above reason, Rancour does not supply the subject matter lacking in Kamijima. Thus, Kamijima and Rancour, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 4 and 8, and claims 3, 6, 7, 10 and

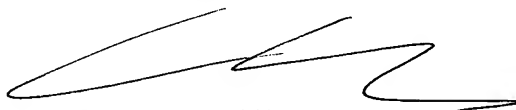
11 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-14 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of claims 1, 4 and 8, from which they respectively depend, as well as for additional features they recite. For example, Rancour's "second surface" 148 appears to be parallel with the asserted "first surface" 146 (See Fig. 4). Rancour does not disclose or suggest a second surface that is substantially perpendicular to the "first surface".

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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